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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR KNURLING A WORKPIECE,  
METHOD OF MOLDING AN ARTICLE WITH SUCH  
WORKPIECE, AND SUCH MOLDED ARTICLEAMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER CFR § 1.111AF  
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**Conclusion**

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Allowance of claims 37-45, as amended, at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date

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